

walk of fame

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New stars for the firmament

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A LOCAL historian, wildlife carer, soccer club founder, Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator and a charity fundraiser are the 2007 inductees of the Star Zone Karingal Walk of Fame.

The Hollywood-style stars honouring the fabulous five community heroes were unveiled outside the Star Zone entertainment precinct on Saturday morning.

Frankston Mayor Cr Glenn Aitken told the crowd of about 100 family, friends and supporters that each star paid tribute to an "ordinary person who does extraordinary things".

"It is wonderful to acknowledge the important work that these community heroes do," he said.

The latest inductees are:

■ Pam Tobias (Community Endeavours) for her 15 years' service to Neighbourhood Watch as divisional co-ordinator, and as a charity fundraiser and work in community safety and with Karingal Park Secondary College.

■ Mark Scaife (Community Endeavours) for his charity fundraising through the Late Mail Luncheon, which he established two years ago and has raised \$265,000 so far.

■ Glenda Viner (Local Hero) for her tireless work in preserving

local history as president and long-time member of the Frankston and District Historical Society.

■ Michelle Thomas (Local Hero) for her voluntary roles as founding president of AWARE, the Frankston-based wildlife rescue group, and community theatre.

■ Bill Vandenharm (Sporting Legend), founder and manager of the Westernport Soccer Club, who has contributed thousands of dollars to keep the club afloat.

Last year's inaugural Walk of Fame inductees were legendary fundraiser Dame Elisabeth Murdoch; Tom Newman OAM, who founded Neighbourhood Watch Australia, which began in Kananook; Frankston Toy Library founder Bev Le Bas; chairman of the Teenagers Road Accident Group Terry House; junior wildlife rescuer Sarah Beebe; Madeleine Collins, for running the Catalyst for Change schools program.

The awards are sponsored by the Centro Properties Group, *Frankston Standard Leader* and Frankston City Council.

■ The *Leader* will publish feature stories on Glenda Viner, Pam Tobias and Michelle Thomas in the coming weeks.



Four of the five 2007 Walk of Fame inductees Glenda Viner, Pam Tobias, Bill Vandenharm and Michelle Thomas, with entertainers Elvis Presley and Patsy from 'Absolutely Fabulous' background. The fifth inductee, Mark Scaife, could not make the event.

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